

The Gardens *Memory Gardens*

President's Message

Memory Gardens directors and staff continue to address soccer complex concerns

If you have visited Memory Gardens in the past few months, you have very likely noticed that construction is well under way on the soccer complex that will be our new neighbor. Your board shares your concerns about this project and has been working to try to mitigate some of the potential impact on our bucolic grounds.

As you know, representatives of the Gardens presented our concerns about the project from Day One at every town planning meeting where the project was on the agenda. These included both noise and physical intrusions upon those visiting their loved one's graveside, and during burial services.

As construction progressed, your board members became increasingly concerned about the potential for the Gardens to be used as an auxiliary parking lot and access point by parents in a rush to get their children to the fields. There are at least a half-dozen easy entry points between the two properties, and all would require the interloper to walk across graves. This creates several safety issues including the potential for a child (or adult) to fall into a grave site that has been prepared for a burial.

It is conceivable that soccer complex visitors could park in the Gardens and in some cases actually block funeral processions from reaching their gravesite. Can you imagine a grieving family having to suffer this? I can and find it unacceptable. We do not want anyone to have to face this scenario, and are considering how we can prevent this from happening.

If you don't believe that anyone would access the Gardens to get to the soccer complex, consider this: Several construction delivery trucks (18-wheelers) pulled into the Gardens in an attempt to reach the construction site. One even caused minor damage to the grounds trying to turn around.

Our second request to meet with Colonie Town Supervisor Paula Mahan to discuss our ongoing concerns resulted in a meeting with a town attorney and one of her senior staff members.

We raised all of these concerns and through subsequent conversations were told the town will essentially "monitor" the situation after the complex opens. The project is moving full-steam ahead and is expected to be open before the end of the year.

Please know that we will also be monitoring the situation and will take the appropriate steps to address issues as they arise including engaging with town officials. It is likely that you will see new signs at the entrance to the Gardens indicating that the grounds are for the use of lot owners and their families, and that violators will be towed. These are not the kinds of signs that we want to have, but are a necessary step to ensure your proper access to the grounds.

Salvatore Prividera Jr.

President

Garden of Grace now open

Memory Gardens is pleased to announce that our newest garden, the Garden of Grace, is now open. It is a very peaceful garden with a gentle rolling grade.

The Garden of Grace is located in the rear of the gardens, and to the right of the gardens of Paradise and Love. All 768 spaces will be offered at a special introductory price of \$400. Contact one of our memorial advisers at 518-869-9506 for more information and to reserve spaces for your family plot.



Annual Christmas Celebration and Remembrance set for Dec. 14



Memory Gardens' 2018 Christmas Celebration and Remembrance will be 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 14 at the Chapel. Held each year on the second Friday in December, the evening features holiday music and readings plus the placing of ornaments on our Trees of Remembrance in memory of loved ones.

Rev. Paul Koehn of Our Savior's Lutheran Church is slated to officiate. For those who cannot attend or would like to place their ornament early, the Trees of Remembrance will be placed near the Chapel the weekend before the service.

We welcome all attending to join us in the Chapel for refreshments following the service.

Artificial Christmas trees and wreaths are available for holiday placement

Memory Gardens has added two new options to its holiday placement service for 2018. Artificial Christmas trees and wreaths are now available in addition to the wreaths made from real evergreen tree boughs and silk poinsettias for inside mausoleum use.



Both of these items are for outside burial spaces only. The wreath is 24-inches around and includes holly with berries, pine cones and a lovely red ribbon. The artificial Christmas tree is 36-inches tall and is decorated with gold boughs, red ribbons, and red and white pine cones. Both the wreath and the Christmas tree will be attached to a tripod for display on your loved ones space.



We have very limited quantities of both of these items and encourage you to order them early. Please see page 3 for additional information.

Purchase a niche in the new Last Supper feature and receive a free niche plaque

To commemorate the installation of the new Last Supper feature, Memory Gardens will provide a free niche plaque, a value of \$495, with the purchase of a niche in the feature.

Depicting the Last Supper, the granite feature has a 64-niche columbarium. The columbarium is constructed of china gray granite and has polished black granite shutters with gold rosettes on the fronts of the niche spaces.

The Last Supper Feature has always been located at the highest point in the Town of Colonie, which is the ridgeline of the Last Supper Garden. This area provides a gorgeous view of mountain peaks in



the distance, both the Adirondacks and the Green Mountains. It is both a beautiful place to visit and to rest. Please contact our office at (518) 869-9506 to take advantage of this special offer.

Planning a cremation service at Memory Gardens

Do you need help planning a cremation service? Many people are not aware that with the help of our Memorial Advisors, they can plan a cremation memorial service at Memory Gardens for themselves or their loved ones. Our advisors can assist you in selecting a service that will accommodate your wishes, and save you time and money.

Whether your gathering is large or small, a service in one of our chapels or a simple grave side service can be arranged. Our memorial advisors can help you select an appropriate space or niche and an urn or an urn liner to protect the urn. In addition, there are tents, chairs and floral options available.



Our team members will also assist you on the day of your service from your arrival with your family to your departure. Please contact our office at (518) 869-9506.



Guide to important dates at Memory Gardens

2018

November 1

Bronze vases in markers not to be used

November 1 to November 15

Fall cleanup: All decorations are removed

November 15 to January 31

Wreaths on a stand allowed

December 14

Christmas Celebration and Remembrance at the Chapel, 6 p.m.

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January 31

Holiday decoration removal begins

March 1 to April 15

Spring cleanup: All decorations are removed

April 15

Bronze vases may be used until November 1

April 21

Easter Sunrise Service (park wide), 7 a.m.

May 4

Annual Lot Owners Meeting at Cemetery Office, 10 a.m.

For more details visit our website

www.memorygardens.org

(Detach and return this portion with your payment)

WINTER PLACEMENT SERVICE ORDER FORM

- FRESH NATURAL EVERGREEN WREATH \$39
 ARTIFICIAL WREATH \$43

- ARTIFICIAL CHRISTMAS TREE \$43
 SILK POINSETTIA \$24 (inside mausoleums only)

Name of Deceased: _____

Garden: _____ Lot: _____ Space: _____
(LOCATION INFORMATION CAN BE LEFT BLANK IF UNKNOWN)

Total Amount Enclosed: _____ Check or Money Order No: _____

Card Type: MasterCard Visa Discover American Express Expiration Date: _____

Card Number: _____ Security Code: _____

Name (Print): _____ Signature: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

_____ Email: _____

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Please complete the above order form and return it to Memory Gardens, 983 Watervliet Shaker Road, Albany, NY 12205 with payment, or call our office at (518) 869-9506, or select the "Floral Placement Service" link on our website, www.memorygardens.org

Memory Gardens 2018 Holiday Placement Service

Memory Gardens offers our Holiday Placement Service to those who would like a beautiful holiday decoration to be placed in memory of a loved one. Placement will begin in early December. Please place your orders early. Orders will be taken until Monday, December 17, 2018. We have several options that you can choose from:

For **outside** burial spaces, we offer a Fresh Natural Evergreen Wreath for \$39. It is beautifully decorated with pine cones, red berries and a red ribbon and is secured to a tripod stand.

New for **outside** burial spaces, we will be offering an Artificial Wreath for \$43. It is decorated with holly, red berries and a red ribbon and is secured to a tripod stand. Quantities are limited.

New for **outside** burial spaces, we will be offering an Artificial Christmas Tree for \$43. It is decorated with gold boughs, red ribbons, and red and white pine cones and is secured to a tripod stand. Quantities are limited.

For **inside** the mausoleum chapels, we offer a Silk Poinsettia Plant for \$24. Quantities are limited for this item and orders will be filled while supplies last.



Wreaths provided by Frank Gallo & Son Florist of Schenectady



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Memory Gardens offers an economical grave liner

Memory Gardens requires a concrete grave liner or vault for all in-ground casket burials. We offer a basic concrete grave liner that accommodates most caskets for \$750. It is made of reinforced concrete on all 5 sides with a beveled form fitting lid. Oversize grave liners are also available. Please contact our office at (518) 869-9506 for more information.



Let us place your wreath



Cold, snow, ice and rainy weather. It's coming. Let us place a wreath for you for your loved ones. Please see page 3 for our wreath order form.

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